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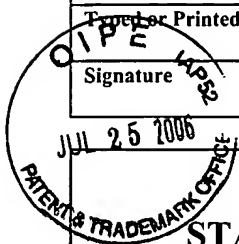
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"SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR ACCESSING  
AND STABILIZING A LOCALIZED PORTION OF  
A BEATING HEART"

Sir:

An Application was mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 12, 2003 in the above-identified application. Also, a Filing Receipt dated May 18, 2004 was received. Since (31) months have passed since filing this application and no Office Action has been received, Applicants respectfully requests to be informed of the status of this application.

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